

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Council was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin City Hall. Council members present were: C. Gruendemann, D. Schneider, M. Mumme, R. Kokesch, Lund. Staff Department Heads present were: Radermacher. Guests present were: T. Sherman, S. Traulich.

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Gruendemann called the meeting to order. Roll call showed all members present. Mayor Gruendemann called for an amendment to the agenda to add Fire Relief temporary alcohol permit for Catfish Days to line-item C under new business. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting on May 13, 2024. A correction was noted on the date of the next regular meeting to June 10 instead of July 8 as printed. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes as with the amendment, Second by Lund, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Gruendemann called for approval of the consent agenda: bills were presented in the amount of \$98,916.79, Cash receipts for May were \$155,223.73; there were 8 past due utility accounts; four zoning permit issued; a 10' long by 6ft tall wall at 371 St Hwy 19, a 22' x 16' wooden picket fence at 340 4th Ave, a 22' x 24' deck at 450 2nd St S, and a 14' x 34' x 11'6" shed at 330 6th St S.. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Mumme, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No.**

R. Kokesch motioned to approve Resolution 2024-10: Ordering preparation of Report on Improvement, Second by Mumme, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No. Traulich presented the feasibility report and went over a summary of the project; replace water main and do a street reconstruct on second avenue and looping the water main from second avenue to third avenue. Traulich discussed assessments with the council and stated that assessment could be handled in various ways depending on the success or failure on the Small Cities Grant and the PFA loan. Up to three different assessment estimates will be put together for viewing. Lund specifically questioned monthly payment amount for assessments for his neighbors since he has been asked on multiple occasions for this information; Traulich explained that set numbers are not available and only estimates can be given- this information will be discussed at the next public hearing. Traulich went over an approximate project schedule showing the project to begin in 2025. Lund asked about how the water main loop from second avenue to third avenue would be placed-Traulich reported that it is currently set to be done with an open cut trench. **Lund motioned to approve Resolution 2024-11: Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement, Second by Mumme, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

Department heads reported: Radermacher asked for an update on the status on installing gutters on City Hall, showing the council what the carpet looks like after a rain event; Gruendemann was approved by council to order materials and have installed as soon as possible. Radermacher reported K. Kokesch contacted her from vacation to request safety cones and road barricades be purchased, with the street budget if necessary; council discussed the various events that these would be useful for and discussed using some of the public safety aid for these items. **Lund motioned to approve the purchase of four barricades and 24 cones with the public safety aid, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.** Radermacher asked the council for approval to hold a petting zoo on the street at Catfish Derby Days, Council approved as long as the mess is cleaned. Radermacher also reported needing another outlet installed at the Lion's park shelter because the internet and cameras are currently using the outlet that is needed for the refrigerator. R. Kokesch asked if an MRU application was handed in; Radermacher forwarded the application to the MRU chief and Mumme.

The Lion's Park equipment was recently installed. We are currently waiting on an estimate for plastic border that will be placed around the equipment and then mulch will be added. Once the estimate for the border is received the parks committee will have the final approval. Council discussed putting the old equipment back in that was removed for the new install. Discussion was made on volleyball court set up for Catfish Days.

T. Sherman addressed the council with a request to install a private sewer system. Sherman reported to the council that he has had multiple sewer line failures in the past two years and with the recent line break and planting of the agricultural field that the line goes through, repairing the broken line has become a financial hardship. Due to this issue Sherman is planning to work with Renville County and utilize some of the funding they have to complete the project. Sherman said that this project will be funded 75% through the county and 25% of his own funds. The county is offering Sherman a 7 year loan with a 3% interest on their utilized funds. **R. Kokesch motioned to approve Sherman's private sewer permit 2024-1, Second by Lund, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

The 2024-2025 snow removal contract with Renville County was presented. Radermacher stated that last the proposed hour rate of \$145 per hour was ten dollars more than last season. **Lundy motioned to approve the 2024-2025 snow removal contract with Renville County, Second by R. Kokesch, RCV- 5 Yes, 0 No.**

The Franklin Fire Relief temporary alcohol permit for Catfish Days is requested for three days this year instead of two as in the past. **Schneider motioned to approve the Franklin Fire Relief temporary alcohol permit for 2024 Catfish Days, Second by Mumme, RCV- 4 Yes, 0- No, Lund abstained due to being a member of the Franklin Fire Relief.**

R. Kokesch brought up a discussion on the horseshoe pits at the Lion's Park. She stated that there are four pits that are not in great condition; she proposed that two pits are taken out, one pit is restored, and one pit to be replaced by a permanent cornhole game, hoping that the cornhole game could be purchased with donated funds from local businesses or families. Council discussed and agree with the proposed idea. Gruendemann informed the council that a local business would like to donate a tree for the Franklin Lion's Park; council said they would like to have someone come and take a look at the space for a recommendation on the best breed of tree for the area and best placement. R. Kokesch asked council on behalf of a citizen if council would object a portable basketball hoop placed on their property to be played on the street; council discussed and agreed that as long as there is reflective tape on the hoop so it may be seen in the dark, and the children play safely and responsibly there would be no objections.

At 7:59 P.M., Lund motioned for adjournment, Second by Schneider, RCV-5 Yes, 0 No. The next regular meeting will be July 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer